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SUBJ: LDP DIETMAN TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON KIM DAE JUNG CASE

1. LDP DIETMAN TOKUMA UTSUNOMIYA, WHO HAS LONG BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH "LIBERAL" WING OF LDP AND WHO HAS TAKEN LEADERSHIP IN CAMPAIGN IN JAPAN ON BEHALF OF KIM DAE JUNG, TODAY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON JUNE 15 TO HOLD TALKS WITH US POLITICAL LEADERS AND OFFICIALS ON KIM DAE JUNG AFFAIR AND TO ASK THEIR COOPERATION TO ENABLE KIM TO LEAVE SOUTH KOREA.

2. UTSUNOMIYA TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON FROM JUNE 16 TO 23 AND HOPES TO MEET WITH SENATORS MANSFIELD, FULBRIGHT, KENNEDY AND HATFIELD, AS WELL AS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND OTHER TOP STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS "TO EXCHANGE VIEWS". HE SAID HE HAS ASKED MOFA TO ARRANGE WASHINGTON APPOINTMENTS AND EXPECTS TO GO TO CAMBRIDGE, IF NECESSARY, TO MEET HARVARD PROFESSORS REISCHAUER AND COHEN.

3. UTSUNOMIYA HAS SINGLEMINDEDLY CHAMPIONED KIM DAE CHUNG'S CAUSE SINCE KIDNAPPING INCIDENT LAST YEAR ON GROUNDS THAT

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POLITICAL FREEDOM SHOULD NOT BE DENIED SOUTH KOREAN OPPOSI-

TION LEADER. NOMINALLY A MEMBER OF MIKI FACTION OF LDP,
UTSUNOMIYA HAS LONG RETAINED INDEPENDENT, SLIGHTLY MAVERICK
IDENTITY IN PARTY. HE HAS RELATIVELY INFLUENTIAL SYMPATHIZERS
(E.G., YOHEI KONO AND OTHERS IN AA GROUP) AND HIS AGITATION
OF THIS ISSUE NO DOUBT NOT WELCOMED BY TANAKA/OHIRA LEADERSHIP
WHICH IS INTENT ON DAMPENING EFFECTS OF KIM CASE IN JAPAN
AND KEEPING RELATIONS WITH ROKG FROM BEING DAMAGED.
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